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Dear Ms. Hick:

On behalf of our clients, Occidental Chemical Corporation, Maxus Energy Corporation, and Tierra Solutions, Inc., we respectfully request that Region 2 convene a meeting with us and with representatives of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG), the purpose of which would be for the Region to provide a briefing on its Lower Passaic River (LPR) Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) and why it contemplates issuing the FFS so close in time to the completion of the Lower Passaic River Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study that is scheduled for completion this year. We ask to meet for such a briefing before issuance of the FFS and make this request given the many years of work and expenditures of very large sums of money that these entities, and especially our clients, have spent on the LPR.

William Hyatt, Coordinating Counsel for the CPG, has authorized me to say he joins in this request.

We are available to meet at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Carol E. Dinkins

cc: William Hyatt, Esq.

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